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Ordered, That Mr. *Dulany*, and Mr. *Harris*, go and acquaint His Excellency thereof. They return, and say, They delivered the Message.

*Philip Lee*, and *George Plater*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, and Mr. *John Ross*, Clerk of the Council, came into the Stadt-House; in whole Presence the aforesaid Members were qualified, by taking the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty King *GEORGE*, the Second, and of Abhorrence, and Abjuration, repeating the Test, and by signing the said Oaths, and Test.

Col. *Ward*, and *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; from the Upper House, informed the said Members, That the Governor required their immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber; who thereupon went.

The Governor required them to return to their House, and make Choice of a *Speaker*. They return'd, and unanimously chose *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; to be their *Speaker*; and placed him in the Chair.

Ordered, That *James Harris*, Esq; and Mr. *Smith*, acquaint His Excellency the Governor, This House hath made choice of a *Speaker*. They return, and say, They delivered the Message.

*Philip Lee*, and *George Plater*, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint this House, His Excellency the Governor requires their Attendance in the Council Chamber; to present their *Speaker*.

The Members of this House went, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; as their *Speaker*; who excused himself from serving, thro' his Want of Health: Which Excuse the Governor was pleased to admit; and thereupon desired the Members of this House to return, and choose some other fit Person, to be their *Speaker*. They return, and make Choice of *James Harris*, Esq; to be their *Speaker*; and placed him in the Chair.

Mr. *Key*, and Mr. *Hammond*, sent to the Upper House, to acquaint His Excellency the Governor, this House hath made Choice of a *Speaker*. They return, and say, They delivered the Message.

Col. *Filghman*, from the Upper House, acquaints this House, That the Governor desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, to present their *Speaker*.

The Members of this House went to the Council Chamber, and there presented *James Harris*, Esq; their *Speaker*, to His Excellency the Governor. The Governor was pleased to approve of the said *Speaker*; and thereupon made the following Speech:

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

AS this is the First Time of Our Meeting in Assembly, since We received the News of the Marriage of the PRINCESS ROYAL with His Serene Highness the PRINCE OF ORANGE, I cannot, notwithstanding the Length of Time, neglect this Opportunity of Congratulating You on so happy an Occasion; being persuaded, that You must feel the same Joy and Satisfaction, the same Sense of Gratitude to His Majesty for His Paternal Care and Goodness, which has been so fully testified by all the rest of His faithful Subjects.

OF the many inestimable Blessings We enjoy under His Majesty's most mild and just Government, it is not one of the least, that We have the Liberty of Making among our selves, from Time to Time, such Laws, not inconsistent with the Trade and Interest of Great Britain,